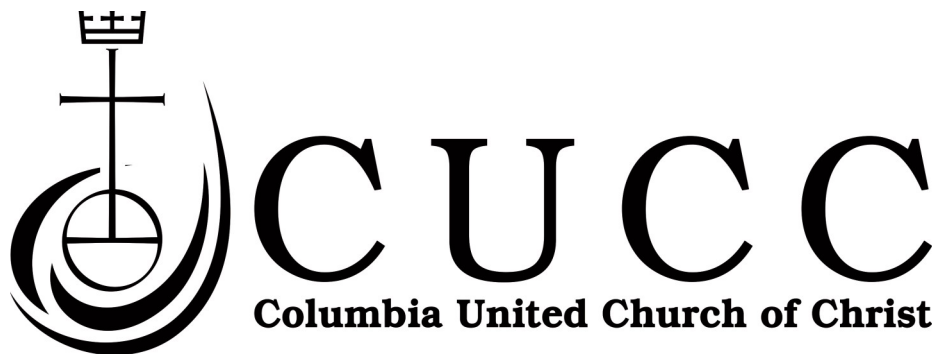


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 24, 2022  
Prayer Life



CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;  
No matter where you are on your faith journey;  
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;  
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;  
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;  
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

**Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ**



July 24, 2022

9:30 Worship

“Prayer”

*\*indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*“...Restore us again, O God of our Salvation, and put away your indignation toward us...”  
-Psalm 85:4*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Amy Crousore  
Lafferty/Miller

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 85)

Connie Loveless

God has looked favorably upon us,  
Forgiving our inequities and pardoning our sins.

**Restore us again, God of our Salvation!  
Look upon us kindly and grant us your peace.**

In prayer we come to you, O God;  
Asking for mercy and searching for the way.

**Show us your Steadfast Love, O God;  
And Grant us your Salvation.**

Let us hear what God will speak;  
For God will speak Peace to God’s people.

**Steadfast Love and Faithfulness will meet;  
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground;  
God gives us what is good.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus”

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\*Opening Prayer

Connie Loveless

God of prayer and presence; we hear of Jesus teaching his friends how to pray, and we seek to emulate that wisdom in our prayer life as well. As we do, however, we often become tangled up in words and doctrine rather than intent. Open our eyes and our hearts to the ways you are trying to teach us; and may our prayers always be from our hearts. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God is present with us, opening our hearts through the power of prayer. But even when we neglect God and fail to actively communicate, when we return to God we receive God's grace. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

“Weave”

Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together in unity and love!  
Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together; together in love!

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Old Testament Lesson:

Amos 9:11-15

Connie Loveless

*The prophet wraps up his poetic vision of destruction by talking about the Hope of God's presence in the midst of destruction. Despite all the national turmoil Israel goes through, God does not forget them.*

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 11:1-10

Connie Loveless

*Jesus instructs his disciples to pray, and talks about how God will answer their prayers if they just ask. The point here is not about treating God like a divine Genie, granting wishes, but to open up lines of communication with God and develop relationship.*

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Anthem

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Zach Reinert  
Gert TH Walter

Sermon:

“How to Pray”

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

*(reflecting the message in the sermon today, this Sunday we are suggesting using the term "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer.)*

**Creator God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

"Grant Us Peace"  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Sabbatical Moment

Judi Privitt

Living Our Mission

"VAC Back to School Fair"

Marc Duncan

Stewardship Moment

Keith Birkes

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts  
You can also give online by visiting our website: [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory

"Fantasy in D minor "

Amy Crousore  
W.A. Mozart

\*Prayer of Dedication

Connie Loveless

**We lift our hearts in prayer to you, Creator God; but we also give our offering as a form of prayer. Take these gifts and use them to your will, enabling your blessed Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!  
  
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

\*Postlude

"To God Be the Glory "

Amy Crousore  
Doane/Carter

**WE WILL STAND WITH YOU IN PROTEST': UCC NATIONAL OFFICERS SPEAK  
OUT AFTER SCOTUS OVERTURNS ROE V. WADE**

*The national officers of the United Church of Christ have issued this letter, speaking out against the U.S. Supreme Court decision denying women the Constitutional right to comprehensive reproductive health care.*

Long before the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, the United Church of Christ, by action of the General Synod, affirmed the right of every individual to follow their personal religious and moral convictions regarding their reproductive healthcare. We continue to stand by this conviction today.

Our Synod resolutions, which represent the will of the church in light of scripture, highlight the importance of ensuring access to the full range of reproductive health care regardless of race, religion, or economic status. We do not take this stand in spite of faith, but rather because of it. Throughout sacred text humankind is tasked with care of self and others. Bodily autonomy is a human right given by God.

Today's Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, discarding nearly 50 years of precedent, will endanger the lives and well-being of people who do not choose to continue pregnancy. We believe all people have the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and medical treatment. We believe women have an inalienable right to shape the direction of their lives as they see fit, and no institution established by humankind should supersede such freedom.

The Supreme Court's decision to vacate Roe v. Wade represents a continual effort to oppress women. Such uniform repression targeted at one specific class of people, namely those who have a uterus, creates yet another stark division in a country that so desperately needs unity. In addition to gender bias, such a rendering also disproportionately effects birthing people of color and women in rural or low-income areas who face challenges in access to safe and medically supervised reproductive health care, including abortions. The gravity of this decision and the devastation of its impact cannot be overstated.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers these words of comfort to the Israelites during a challenging time: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) These are not words that assuage us with easy answers and shallow promises. There is no declaration that things will be better tomorrow. They will not be. But they do promise that we are not alone in our struggles.

We, the officers of the United Church of Christ, want those feeling the pain of today's decision to know that you are not alone. God has not abandoned you and neither will we. We will do what we always do when the law loses its love. We will grieve with you and offer space for lament and mourning. We will work with you until the rights of every person are honored in this land. We will stand with you in protest. We will kneel with you in prayer. And we will maintain our commitment to educate people about abortion access and safe medically supported reproductive healthcare. Now and always, we remain firm in the knowledge that all are beloved of God, and this cause is right and holy.

**Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer**  
*UCC General Minister and President*

**Rev. Traci Blackmon**  
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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP:**

Worship Leader:	Connie Loveless
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Mahree Skala & Jim Loveless
Greeters:	Helen Schultz
Technology Booth:	Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench
Hospitality:	Brent Marcks
Council Stewards:	Mark Duncan & Kurt Heine

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:**

Worship Leader:	Pat Forward
Acolyte:	Trevor Pierson
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Jim Loveless
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth:	Mike Pierson & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality:	Judi Privitt
Council Stewards:	Lorry Dreier & Lydia Whitacre



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**NURSERY CARE**... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

### **LODO AMAZON WISH LIST**

LODO is preparing for our upcoming school year and we are hoping to replace a few well loved items and to add to our learning materials. If you are interested in supporting the LODO Ministry, please consider purchasing an item from our LODO Amazon Wishlist. Purchased items can be shipped directly to LODO. Check out the Friday email for the link to the LODO Amazon Wish list.

### **ANNUAL HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING**

Every year, CUCC members who will be working with children and youth are required to participate in Healthy Relationships Training (also called “Safe Church”) to maximize the way we interact with our youth. However, this training is good for everyone to maximize our potential interactions with others in our society. EVERYONE at CUCC is invited to participate. The next session is August 28 at 10:30am (after worship). You must register ahead of time; talk to Lydia Whitacre or Linda Neale, or click the link in the Friday email to register.

### **VAC BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

The Voluntary Action Center is hosting a Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Derby Ridge Elementary School. They will be giving backpacks full of school supplies to children in the Columbia Public School District. They are expecting 800+ children to show up! We are encouraging CUCC members to donate to defray the cost of backpacks, and to volunteer as able to help distribute them at the fair. You can find out more at [www.vacmo.org/programs/back-to-school/](http://www.vacmo.org/programs/back-to-school/) or donate through Kindrid on the CUCC website.

### **SABBATICAL SEND OFF BRUNCH**

The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be hosting a Sabbatical Send off Brunch on Sunday, July 31, to say, “**Vaya Con Dios**” to Pastor Rick as we begin our Sabbatical together. We will celebrate on that Sunday in worship, offering a blessing to Pastor Rick as he takes his three month leave, and then we will gather together for brunch after worship. In honor of Pastor Rick’s trip to Mexico, brunch will be a Taco Bar! All are welcome to make their own tacos, with ingredients supplied by the Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team. Stick around after worship next Sunday!

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	7/24	Healthy Relationships Training	8:30am
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Tue	7/19	Quilters	10:00am
Sun	7/31	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
		Taco Bar	11:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)  
Lena Muench... recovering from foot surgery  
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression  
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership  
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country  
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief  
Schoolchildren and their families everywhere... in the wake of gun violence

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Sheila... challenges in life and faith  
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families  
The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeier; David Martin; Levi Markway;  
Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;  
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,  
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Carlos Sedales-Real... serving in Mexico

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber

*If you try to fit God into your life,  
You will never have time for God.  
If you try to fit your life into God,  
You will always have time for what matters.*



# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

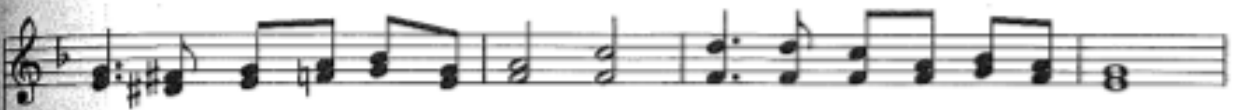
Phil. 4:6-7



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.



No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Charles C. Converse, 1868

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

*William Walford, 1845; alt*

1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known,  
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!  
 to One whose truth and faith-ful-ness en-gage the wait-ing soul to bless.

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of-ten found re-lief,  
 With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,  
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be-lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,

and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re-turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 And glad-ly take my sta-tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
 I'll cast a-way my ev-ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

*Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."*

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1861